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TREATMENT TO REDUCE FILM IMPURITY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.111

Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed **July 5, 2005**:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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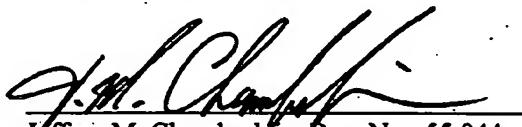
independent claim 14, and which recite additional features of the invention, applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of these claims be withdrawn, and that these claims be allowed for the same reasons stated for claim 14.

New Dependent Claims 40-48

New dependent claims 40-48 have been added to depend from allowed claim 30. The examiner has indicated claim 30 as being allowable, and thus claims 40-48 are believed to be in allowable form.

No fees are deemed due with this response, however, should any fees be required, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any such required fees to deposit account 50-2061.

Respectfully submitted,



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